

Mob lynches suspected bike thief in FCT community

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A mob has lynched a suspected motorcycle thief while one other escaped near Tukpechi village in Kuje Area Council of the FCT.

A resident of the area, Zakka Shedrach, said the incident happened on Friday around 5pm when the suspect snatched a motorcycle at neighbouring Pegi community.

He said the suspects, who were two in number, pretended to be passengers, hit the cyclist with a hard object on his head and escaped with the motorcycle.

According to him, two men who were riding on another motorcycle, saw the cyclist lying by the roadside in a pool of blood and gave the suspects a hot chase. The suspects were later apprehended at Tukpechi village.

He said the men raised an alarm which attracted the attention of some people who apprehended one of them and lynched him on the spot.

He said, "But one of the suspects jumped off the bike and escaped while the rider was apprehended and killed by the mob."

He said the injured cyclist was later taken to the hospital in Kuje, adding that the recovered motorcycle was handed over to vigilante members who were at the scene. A member of the vigilantes, Samuel Yakubu, confirmed the incident but said before the vigilantes could arrive at the scene, the mob had already killed one of the suspects.

He said the other suspect jumped from the bike when they were being chased.

"The vigilante later identified the victims' relations in Kuje and the motorcycle was handed over to them, while efforts were on to trail the other fleeing suspect," he added.

The spokeswoman of the FCT police command, SP Josephine Adeh, said she was not aware of the incident but promised to get back to our reporter.